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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2006, please enter the following amendment and remarks in the file of the above referenced patent application. Applicants respectfully request an allowance of the claims as amended.